

Appl. No. 09/412,792
Response Dated April 25, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 25, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-14, and 18-30 are pending in this application. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-14, 18-20, and 22-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number (USPN) 6,684,399 to Grooters ("Grooters"). Claims 21 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grooters. Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grooters, as applied to claim 1, in view of the Advanced Television Enhancement Forum Specification ("ATVEF"). Applicant traverses the rejections.

Applicant respectfully submits a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 by the inventor showing proof of conception and diligence to filing from a date before September 17, 1999, the priority date of Grooters. Accordingly, Grooters is not available as prior art, and a rejection based on Grooters is improper.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and removal of the § 102(e) rejection of claims 1, 3-7, 9-14, 18-20, and 22-29; the § 103(a) rejection of claims 21 and 30; and the § 103(a) rejection of claim 8.

It is believed that claims 1, 3-14, and 18-30 are in allowable form. Accordingly, a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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